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City of Indianapolis Selected as Host for the 2011 Beep Baseball World Series

INDIANAPOLIS – (Aug. 26, 2009) Indy Parks & Recreation announces today that the National Beep Baseball Association has selected the City of Indianapolis as the host for the 2011 Beep Baseball World Series. The games will be played July 31, 2011, through Aug. 7, 2011.

“We are thrilled to be selected to host the World Series in Indianapolis in 2011,” said Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry. “Indy Parks is committed to making this experience a home run. We believe there is no city poised to serve this event better than ours and we greatly look forward to the opportunity.”

Teams from across the United States, Taiwan and France will descend on Indianapolis for the World Series. The RHI Indy Thunder team placed seventh in the 2009 Beep Baseball World Series, held this summer in Stockton, Calif. Indianapolis bid to host the 2011 Beep Baseball World Series in addition to two other U.S. cities.

“It was difficult to decide from these excellent bids, but at the end of the day, Indianapolis came out as the winner,” said David Smolka, President of the National Beep Baseball Association. “Congratulations to Indy Parks & Recreation for submitting a very attractive bid. The NBBA membership is looking forward to a great tournament in 2011.”

The process included submitting an application containing descriptions of potential host sites at Indy Parks’ properties, opportunities to secure volunteers for the event and letters of support.

“We have had beep baseball exhibitions prior to Indianapolis Indians games and were always inspired by the commitment to and love of baseball that was demonstrated by the players,” said Max Schumacher, Chairman of the Board and President of the Indianapolis Indians. “We look forward to helping welcome participants and supporters to their 2011 tournament and are confident they will enjoy their Indianapolis experience.”

About Beep Baseball

Beep baseball is a highly skilled, competitive game created in 1964 for athletes with visual disabilities and has greatly evolved over the past 20 years. Six players are in the outfield while the batter is pitched a beeping ball. Once the ball is hit, one of two bases begins to buzz and the batter must run to that base. For more information about beep baseball, visit www.nbba.org.

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